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No. 3184

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... 500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Cart of Directors—  
D. Gill, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
Chan Kishan, Esq. W. Wotton, Esq.  
C. J. H. H. Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN  
LONDON—

THOMAS JAMES MICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,  
Palmer & Co.  
JOHN BUTTER, Esq.—Messrs. John Butter &  
Co.  
C. B. STUART VORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallam.  
M. MUNRO, Manager.

BANKERS—

The Alpine Bank (Limited).  
The Imperial Bank of Scotland.  
Yokohama—D. FRASER, Manager.  
Shanghai—C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.  
Amoy—ANDERSON, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money  
received in Deposit, Drafts issued, Bills  
purchased and collected. Advances made on  
Securities or Ads in neutral Godowns. Usual  
Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

4 " "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 " "  
For Rates of interest for other periods apply  
to the Manager.

Hongkong, 18 May, 1892. [8]

NEW ORIENT BANK CORPORATION,  
LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS of this BANK (Hold  
either GOLD, SILVER, WARRANTS) who  
are willing to act the Scheme of RECON-  
STRUCTION by subscribing to the proposed  
New Issue of Capital, are invited to com-  
municate without delay to the Undersigned,  
signifying the number of Shares they are  
prepared to take in respect of the Scheme being  
successfully carried out.

E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 25th June, 1892. [63]

## INSURANCES.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST  
OF INSURANCE OF A MAN AGED 30  
NEXT BIRTHDAY.

£1,000 ST. Payable at death, would  
cover quarter of the rate of

£6 18s 0d (a) If premiums are payable for

the life of

or £9 11s 6d (b) If premiums are limited to 20, 20  
yes "

or £11 4s 6d (c) If premiums are limited to 15  
yes "

or £13 0s 0d (d) If the insured is made  
payable at age 50, or at  
death if previous.

Secured payments.

THE same provisions if commenced at age 40  
11s 6d (a) If premiums are payable for  
the life of  
or £11 3s 0d (b) If premiums are limited to 20, 20  
yes "

or £13 4s 6d (c) If premiums are limited to 15  
yes "

or £15 0s 0d (d) If the insured is made  
payable at age 50, or at  
death if previous.

Standards Life Office

NOTICE

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
etc. Policies granted to all Risks of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOLIN YUEN,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE  
No. 7, Praya Central, Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [149]

## GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL, PAEL ..... \$1,000,000  
EQUAL TO ..... 183,333.33  
RESERVE FUND ..... 418,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN-DOON, Esq.  
LOU TSE SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AME

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, etc., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all Risks of the  
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA EST.  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [178]

## PIANOS, ORGAN

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## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

PUNJOM & SUNGHE DUA SAMANTAN  
MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALL PERSONS holding SCRIP in the  
above Company are requested to send  
them in at once for TRANSFER.

A Circular will be sent to each SHARE-  
HOLDER, in reference to the re-constitution of  
the Company.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1892. [557]

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHE DUA  
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the  
PUNJOM AND SUNGHE DUA  
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED,  
will be held at the Offices of the Company,  
CONNAUGHT HOUSE, Queen's Road, Hongkong,  
at NOON, on TUESDAY, the 5th July 1892,  
when the abridged Resolutions which were  
passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of  
the Company held on the 20th June, 1892, will  
be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolu-  
tions:—

1.—That it is desirable to reconstruct the Com-  
pany, and accordingly that the Company  
be Wound Up voluntarily, and that A. O'D.  
GOURDIN, Esq., be and he is hereby  
appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such  
Winding up.

2.—That the said Liquidator be and he is hereby  
authorized to consent to the registration of a  
new Company to be named the PUNJOM  
MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, with a  
Memorandum and Articles of Association which  
have already been prepared with the  
privileges and approval of the Directors of this  
Company.

3.—That the Draft Agreement submitted to this  
Meeting and expressed to be made between  
this Company and its Liquidator of the one  
part, and the Puchun Mining Company,  
Limited, of the other part, be and the same  
is hereby approved, and that the said  
Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized,  
pursuant to Section 140 of the Companies Ordinance,  
1865, to enter into an Agreement with such new  
Company when incorporated in the terms of the  
said draft and to carry the same into effect  
with such (if any) modifications as the  
Liquidator may think expedient.

By Order of the Board,  
A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

### FOR SALE

GENTLEMEN'S SUMMER HOSIERY

### AND

TROPICAL UNDERWEAR

NEW SCARFS, TIES, AND CRAVATS.  
CALCUTTA SUN HATS; STRAW HATS.  
TENNIS SHIRTS AND JERSEYS.

BELTS AND WAIST BANDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 11th June, 1892. [642]

W. BREWER.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY \$15 A YEAR.

NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES EVERY MAIL.

CHEAP COMMERCIAL ENVELOPES, 1s 50 per  
1,000  
Gold Leaf Tobacco.  
Captain Navy Cut Tobacco.  
Straight Cut and Sweet Caporal Cigarettes.  
Magazine Selection of Photograph Albums,  
Photograph Albums for Unmounted Photos,  
Great Selection of Photo Frames from 40 cents.

W. BREWER,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 28th June, 1892. [612]

## CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

A. E.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—“CENTRAL, SHANGHAI”

F. E. REILLY,  
PROPRIETOR.

Hongkong, 666. [664]

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

CASSELL'S ACADEMY PICTURES.

BLACKBURN'S ACADEMY NOTES.

PALL MALL BUDGET'S PICTURES OF THE YEAR.

BLACKBURN'S NEW GALLERY PICTURES.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, “KREMLIN”—A. E. C. CO.—TELEPHONE, NO. 32.

PROPRIETORS..... THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices. The HOTEL, STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cutlery being under experienced supervision. THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandas, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication. The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience. A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, etc., are served at any hour adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same Management. THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above. NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [103]

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# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1892.

## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &  
CO., LIMITED.  
DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

WHOLESALE and MANUFACTURING  
CHEMISTS and DRUGGISTS, AERATED  
WATER MANUFACTURERS, WINE  
" and SPIRIT MERCHANTS,  
&c., &c., &c.

WE have the pleasure to announce that this  
Company, formed and registered in Hongkong,  
has taken over the Businesses hitherto carried  
on here and elsewhere by Messrs. DAKIN BROS.  
OF CHINA, LIMITED, and Messrs. CRUICKSHANK  
& CO., LIMITED, together with all ASSETS and  
LIABILITIES.

The support hitherto given to the late Firms  
will, we trust, be continued to us.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 1st July, 1892.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1892.

### COMPETITION.

The three leading steamship companies on the China coast are fighting again. After a brief interval of peace, under a "pool" arrangement, Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWINE have declared war, by announcing (privately, to the China Merchants and JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.) that they will no longer undertake to keep freights at the rates agreed on, but will do their best to cut down prices. It is believed that the struggle will now be carried out to the bitter end. The "Scavengers of the East" are at present in a position, to compete with their two rivals in every port in the East, and have apparently resolved to underbid them, as before. Having prepared for the fray, it is expected that they will stubbornly refuse to listen to any proposals for an armistice, until they are sure of a complete victory—or of utter defeat. The only possible intention in cutting rates is to monopolise trade, driving all competitors off the field.

The forces now ranged against each other are the old-established and princely house of JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., the whole, power and wealth of China as represented by the China Merchants Steamship Co., and the wonderful vigour and enterprise of Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWINE. It will be—outward—an exceedingly interesting battle, and at present the chances of victory seem pretty even. Luck and energy should win, however; and though the enterprising Taikoo hong is notorious for certain objectionable characteristics, it has undoubtedly more grit and more business keenness than all the rest put together. It is not unlikely that the Ewsong hong will have to drop out first; its age and sleepy respectability have already been unfortunately evident on several conspicuous occasions recently. Still, it may have been sharpened and roused to activity by this very fact; there is no telling how much vitality is left in the old house, nor what it can do when the pinch comes. The China Merchants will nevertheless be the most formidable opponents of the "Scavengers," not from any great ability, but from the very inertness of the huge unwieldy mass. All the powers of China are pledged to back up the Company; and all the wiles so well known in Chinese politics will be put in force. The wealth of China, immense truly, but hopelessly misused, will be largely employed in the fight. The Celestial combatants have, however, nobody to direct them, which fact may cause their fall in spite of the great power they possess.

Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWINE will need to employ all their ability—they will miss Mr. MACKINTOSH, who was a valuable man when at the head of affairs in Hongkong—and it is indeed difficult to tell which will win. Those concerned in shipping matters the struggle will be of deep and serious import. It means, first, that shareholders in the competing companies must be prepared to meet a heavy loss. Next, it means that all who derive their living from the companies may find themselves called on to sacrifice something. Wages will probably be reduced, and bonuses stopped. The volume of traffic will be increased by low rates, and markets will be flooded with produce. Then, when the war of rates is over, the reaction will be sudden; the victors will have a monopoly, and will at once seek to recoup themselves for losses in the fight by raising freights even to prohibitive figures. This is what may happen, though of course it is never easy to foretell, especially in this particular matter. We merely outline our idea of future events, not so much because we think the forecast correct, as because the subject is exceedingly important to all in the East, and calls for very serious consideration.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ODSTICK calls his girl Revenge, because she is sweet.

"Bur Men Must Work" is the title of a new novel. Yes, dam it, that's the trouble.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Anconia* left Nagasaki for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday.

£6,000 was the sum recently paid by the Japanese for the German steamer *Athlone*.

AN Open Letter, addressed to the Directors of the Hongkong Hotel Company, will appear in to-morrow's *Telegraph*.

"If there is anything I dislike," said Billings, as the editor returned his witty effort, "it's a man who won't take a joke."

AFTER recent experiences in this colony we have arrived at the conclusion that it is hard to where business sagacity leaves off and downright rascality begins.

A REGULAR meeting of Zealand Lodge, No. 523, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

WE have to direct the attention of some clerk, on some nobleman, or some—thing, to the postal department to the fact that a letter brought by the *Hungkong* from Macao this afternoon reached the *Telegraph* office at 6.30 p.m.!

FINE OLD TOM, White Capsule..... 1.00  
FINE UNREFINED, White Capsule..... 4.50  
FINE A. V. H. G. Capsule..... 5.25

RUM.  
FINE OLD JAMAICA, VIOLET Capsule..... 1.25  
GOOD LEWARD ISLAND..... \$1.50 per Gallon

LIQUEURS.  
Benedictine Maraschino  
Curacao Heering's Cherry Cordial  
Chartreuse Dr. Sieger's Angostura  
Blanca &c.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

AS. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.  
HONGKONG, 1st February, 1892.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Caill & Co.) that the "Shire" Lin steamer *Cardiganshire* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and is due on or about the 6th inst.

"WONDERS will never end" is what many doubtless exclaimed when they read in a Japanese paper a few days ago that the trial of several Japanese judges on a charge of infringing the law prohibiting card-playing has been commenced in Tokyo.

Two men charged by Sergeant Maud with keeping a *loto* lottery shop in 12, East Street, were "up" this morning and had the pleasure of contributing \$150 to Her Gracious' revenue—the "boss" \$100, and his subordinates \$30 between them.

The Japanese yen (dollar) is quoted in Yokohama at about 2/11 and yet the *British Trade Journal* recently informed its readers that 1 yen equals 49. 2d. Many are those who wish it was up to 4/2, but it isn't and is never likely to reach that figure again.

Mr. Purus—Ah, I think I'll run home to England next week in that new boat, the *Yang-Tse*.

Mrs. Snellerwell—A freight-steamer, I presume!

(He faints.)

FROM our advertisement columns it will be seen that the amalgamation of Messrs. Dakin Brothers and Cruickshank & Co., foreseen in these columns last February, is now officially proclaimed. The premises are now being altered and improved, and the senior squab is better than ever.

Huge oil-tanks are being constructed at Kowloon, storage of kerosene oil which will shortly be imported there in bulk. Each of the tanks, which are being constructed for Messrs. Simeon, Samuel & Co., will contain 1,500 tons, or 40,000 gallons of oil. This sounds all very fine for the oil men, but in view of the recent explosion of an oil-laden steamer (which resulted in the death of 15 people) near Blay, it is possible this trade may be restricted.

TO-DAY the weather has considerably moderated, and it may reasonably be hoped that by Sunday we shall once more be having "peerless blues" &c., as per *Daily Press*. It is to be noted that the *Hanam* excursion will return from Macao at 10 p.m. instead of midnight, which is much better. As the Macao fancy fair people have shown themselves so considerate of Hongkong visitors as to hold their show earlier, we may assume that they are bringing commercial sense to bear on their arrangements, and that they may make yet another improvement—keep out the coolie crowd, and try to make the streets passable.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.

*Fujin*..... steamer, from Canton, Canton.

*Eliza*..... " " Amy.

*Araby*..... " " Wuhu.

*Halong*..... " " Amy.

Aggregating 3,825 tons, register.

Outward.

*Mathilda*..... steamer, for Canton, Canton.

*Fu-ping*..... " " Chefoo.

*Chrysanthemum*..... " " Shanghai.

*Fokien*..... " " Swatow.

*Cicero*..... " " Saigon.

Aggregating 3,654 tons, register.

IN a recent issue of the *Japan Herald* thus refers to the prospects of the Charbonnages Company:

"The *Mail*, in discussing on the subject of the Tonkin Coal Mines, and relieving itself of sundry hypotheses, if this and if that, gives it as his opinion that the mineral derived from Tonkin will undoubtedly be able to compete disastrously with Japanese coal. This, it taken literally, would be rather a bad lookout for the wealth of China, immense truly, but hopelessly misused, will be largely employed in the fight. The Celestial combatants have, however, nobody to direct them, which fact may cause their fall in spite of the great power they possess."

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WE regret to announce that our novelist is again on the war path, and lulls behind corners with a huge roll of manuscript which he is trying to find off on the printers as soon as our back is turned. As far as we can make out, the novel will deal with a very interesting story of social life in Hongkong, based on fact, and reeling with libels. The genius who is responsible for it says he is determined to have it published this week, and if he can't get us to print it he will cut it up into short lengths, sign it "Brownie," and take it across the way if that is no good, he will put it wrong end first and give it to the *Daily Press*, as one of the "greatest living authors," and if still it is unsuccessful he will cut it up beyond recognition and call it "Short Studies on Great Subjects."

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3. *Deutsch*—to be trusted to work for themselves.  
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Yours faithfully,  
—A SHAREHOLDER.  
P.S.—Keep on going for hereditary and Nepotism. You are right.  
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A VETERAN UNRECOGNISED.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."  
Sir.—Having heard a great deal of your paper I venture to write you this letter, trusting that you will excuse the liberty I take. Being unable to work through my age and sickness, deprived of my daily food, and without any means whatever to get a subsistence, I respectfully beg you will be so kind as to expose my case to the public (the military authorities in particular). I have had the honor of serving in the British Army for 10 years, and have seen a great deal of service. In the old 9th I fought in the Crimea and was twice severely wounded. I exchanged into the 69th Rifles, and fought in India. At Delhi I was with Lieut. Heathcote, who won the V.C. for his conspicuous bravery at the storming of Cashmere Gate. I had a narrow escape of being killed by the rebels, along with privates Morris and Thompson of my Company, and also a lance-corporal, by name of Scott, of the 7th.

I was present with my regiment in all the affairs in the last campaign of the China War, in 1860 and saved Col. Reeves, C.B. of the 9th, from being severely wounded at the taking of the Peho Forts. Through this brave officer I got my discharge from the Army here in Hongkong, some 30 years ago.

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DEAFNESS ABSOLUTELY CURED.—A Gentleman who cured himself of Deafness and Noises in the Head, of 14 years standing, by a new method, will be pleased to send full particulars, see Address HERRING (LIFTON, 8 St. Stephen's Place, Kensington Park, London, S.E., Eng.) [Advt.]

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paid up—37 per cent. dis. sellers.  
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders,  
shares, \$200 per share, sellers.  
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—  
\$6 per share, sellers.  
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Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2 per cent.  
premium, sellers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent.  
premium, buyers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent.  
premium.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$80 per  
share, sellers.  
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$60 per  
share, sales and sellers.  
North China Insurance—Ths. 235 per share,  
sellers.  
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$99 per  
share, sellers.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$102, buyers.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Ths. 150  
per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$270 per  
share, sellers.  
China Fire Insurance Company—\$84 per share,  
buyers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—  
\$20 per share, buyers.  
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—26  
per share, sellers.  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited  
—5 per cent. discount, sellers.  
Douglas Steamship Company—\$37 per share,  
sellers.  
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$81  
per cent. premium, buyers.  
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$141 per share,  
sellers.  
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$25 per share,  
sellers.  
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures  
—\$50.  
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company,  
Limited—\$6 per share, sellers.  
The Shamen Hotel Co., Limited—\$8 per  
share, sellers.  
Punjum and Sunghee Dua Samantan Miulng Co.  
—85 cents per share, sellers.  
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—45 cents  
per share, sellers.  
New Imius Mining Co., Limited—\$1.50 per  
share, sellers.  
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—  
nominal.  
Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$170 per share,  
sales and sellers.  
The Jelbu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—  
\$5 per share, buyers.  
The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—10 cents  
per share, sellers.  
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$2  
sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$120  
per share, sellers.  
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$20  
per share, sellers.  
Francis Cass, G. Farrow, J. H. Coombs, and I  
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Tatuan, German steamer, 1,578, W. Breitling,  
26th June—Saligon 22nd June, Rice, &c.  
Arnold, Karberg & Co.  
PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stapani,  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
PROSPERITY, British steamer, 1,879, W. H.  
Farrand, 23rd June—Saligon 19th June,  
Rice—Arnold, Karberg & Co.  
SHANTUNG, British steamer, 1,535, W. B.  
Harding, 23rd June—Otaru, 13th June,  
Coal—Butterfield & Swire.  
SISHAN, British steamer, 845, E. F. Stovell, 28th  
June—Saligon 24th June, General—Kien  
Tye Loong.  
SWATOW, German steamer, 631, C. Blingo, 30th  
June—Canton 30th June, General—Mel-  
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BELLE OF BATH, American ship, 1,347, F. M.  
Blethen, 27th June—New York 8th March,  
Petroleum—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHARMER, American ship, 1,706, J. W. Holmes,  
18th May—New York 30th Nov., Kerosene  
Oil—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

COLUMBUS, German ship, 1,429, F. Stover,  
20th May—Singapore 19th May, Ballast—  
Melchers & Co.

ELIZABETH GRAHAM, British bark, 98, Chai,  
Hodge 6th June—Albany (A.A.), 29th  
April, Sandalwood and Roots—Order.

ERLKOENIG, Chinese bark, 47, Opium Examination  
bulk, Stonecutter's Island—Chinese  
Customs.

F. P. LITCHIE D, American ship, 1,042, Young,  
22nd June—New York 15th Feb., Petroleum—  
Arnold, Karberg & Co.

ELIZABETH GRAHAM, British bark, 98, Chai,  
Hodge 6th June—Albany (A.A.), 29th  
April, Sandalwood and Roots—Order.

JOHN MCLEOD, British ship, 1,595, Henderson,  
9th June—from Frat's Reef, Ballast—  
Captain.

MABEL TAYLOR, British steamer, 1,208, C. E.  
Dukes, 1st June—New York 28th Dec.,  
Kerosene Oil—Hewitt & Co.

MCLAURIN, American ship, 1,343, Frank L.  
Oakes, 25th June—New York 3rd January,  
Kerosene Oil—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NICOYA, British bark, 524, T. Norris, 28th June,  
Bangkok 14th June, General—Wiesler  
& Co.

P. N. BLANCHARD, American ship, 1,502, N. W.  
Blanchard, 15th June—New York 21st  
February, Oil—Reuter, Brockleman & Co.

STERLING, American ship, 1,662, Geo. W.  
Goodwin, 29th June—New York 6th Dec.,  
Kerosene Oil—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

WM. G. DAVIS, American ship, 1,500, Lynn, 20th  
June—New York 3rd April, Kerosene Oil—  
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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